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TRAINING UNDER ARWSP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether training is being provided to women under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) to use water testing-kits and to maintain the hand pumps;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such trainings programmes organised and the number of women benefited thereunder during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c): Drinking Water is a State subject. Government of India extends financial and technical assistance to the States for providing potable drinking water in rural areas under the centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). As part of the ARWSP, funds are also provided to States to take up need-based and State-specific training programmes as decided by the respective States. Further, under National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme started in the year 2005- 06, there are provisions for providing field test kits and imparting training to 5 persons from each Gram Panchayat. As per information received from the States, so far 6,446 training programmes imparting training to 1,36,167 grass-root level workers have been held. However, gender-based data are not maintained at the Central level.